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Application No. : **2,245,251**
Owner : TRANSDATA INCORPORATED
Title : ANTENNA FOR ELECTRIC METER AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURE THEREOF
Classification : H01Q-9/06
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Examiner : Thomas Tang

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 30(2) OF THE PATENT RULES, YOU ARE HEREBY
NOTIFIED OF A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER. IN ORDER TO AVOID ABANDONMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 73(1)(A) OF THE PATENT ACT, A WRITTEN REPLY MUST BE
RECEIVED WITHIN 4 MONTHS AFTER THE ABOVE DATE.

This application has been examined as originally filed.

The number of claims in this application is 30.

The examiner has identified the following defects in the application:

A search of the prior art has revealed the following:

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Reference Applied:

United States Patent

5,111,407

May 5, 1992

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Galpern

Claims 1-30 do not comply with Section 28.3 of the Patent Act. The subject matter of these claims would have been obvious on the claim date to a person skilled in the art or science to which they pertain having regard to Galpern.

Galpern discloses a system for measuring and recording utility consumption data comprising antenna elements located within a dielectric housing and coupled to an interrogation unit so as to read the consumption data recorded therein and to transmit the data wirelessly to a data network.

A statement in an application, such as found on page 3, line 2, which incorporates by reference any other document, does not comply with Subsection 81(1) of the Patent Rules.

Under Section 29 of the Patent Rules, applicant is requisitioned to provide an identification of any prior art cited in respect of the corresponding United States and European Patent Office applications and the patent numbers, if granted. Amendment to avoid references cited abroad may expedite the prosecution. If the particulars are not available to the applicant, the reason why must be stated.

In view of the foregoing defects, the applicant is requisitioned to amend the application in order to comply with the Patent Act and the Patent Rules or to provide arguments as to why the application does comply.

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